Research Centre has become extremely prone to earthquakes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a risk of a double tragedy, with massive outflow of radiation from the atomic reactors and other highly hazardous units, alongwith collapsing buildings; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent the impending tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Neither the detailed study carried out in the past by the Department of Earthquake Engineering, Unversity of Roorkee nor the examination after the publication of the press report, in question reveals evidence to suggest the existence of any seismogenic fault system, including the trijunctional feature mentioned in the said press report, which could be said to make the Trombay site of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre extremely prone to earth quakes.

(c) There is no such risk.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposals for dialogue by Kashmiri Groups in POK

559. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and received appeals and representations from Kashmiri groups in Pak-occupied Kashmir, through their London based outfit, the Kashmir International Front and others for talks with Government on the eve of the recent General Elections to lok Sabha in J&K; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMNIYAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Low Wages to Women under Jry in Maharashtra

560. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a concurrent evaluation study of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) revealed that there is a disparity in the average wages paid per manday to male and female unskilled workers in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and;

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove the inequality and expolitation of rural women wokers in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The concurrent evaluation of JRY (January-December, 1992) survey results reveal that there was a disparity in the average wage paid per manday to a male and female unskilled workers in Maharashtra (male Rs. 18.18 and female Rs. 14.01)

(c) The guidelines for implementation of JRY circulated to all States/UTs stipulate that "under Section 4 and 5 of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 a duty has been cast on the employer to pay equal remuneration to men and women workers for same work or work of similar nature as well as not to discriminate while recruiting men and women workers". The concurrent evaluation (January-December, 1992) was

also forwarded to Government of Maharashtra for taking remedial action as per the guidelines.

Electrification of Bedgaon in U.P.

561. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages in the hill regions of Uttar pradesh are still unelectrified even after fifty years of Independence, if so, the reasons therefor;;

(b) whether village Bedgaon in Block kalzikhar has not been selected for electrification by the Advisory Committee, inspite of its large population, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the above village is likely to be selected for electrification by the Advisory Committee; and

(d) the guidelines followed for constituting the Advisory Committee in the above region alongwith the reasons for its failure to recommend the electrification requirement of the above village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) As reported by the UPSEB, out of the 15166 villages in the hilly region of Uttar Pradesh, 11744 villages have been electrified till the end of March 1996. The UPSEB has reported that 3422 villages remain to be electrified due to paucity of funds and lower target for village electrification.

(b) to (d) The UPSEB has reported that village Bedgaon in Block Kalzikhal with a population of 340 has not been electrified so far. They have also reported that the selection of villages for village electrification was done by the Advisory Committee upto 1994-95 and by the District Magistrate of pauri Garhwal for the last 2 years. UPSEB have also reported that they have decided that during 1996-97 only Ambedkar and Gandhi villages selected by the District Magistrates concerned will be electrified. The policies for the selection of villages for electrification are framed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Shortage of Drinking Water and Poor Maintenance of Government Quarters by CPWD

562. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residents of Government quarters attached to CGHS dispensary, Daryaganj, are facing acute shortage of drinking water since 24th May, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that day to day repairs of flats are not being carried out by the CPWD;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Asstt. Engineer (electrical), CPWD enquiry, Minto Road, New Delhi has refused to carry out the repairs and the higher authorities are also keeping silent in the matter; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against such officers/ officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The water supply in six quarters which are on the second floor over the CGHS Dispensary at Daryaganj is provided by M.C.D. However, since the pressure in M.C.D. lines is inadequate a pump was installed in the incoming pipeline of M.C.D. in order to ensure water supply to second floor. Complaints received in this regard on 24.5.96, 3.6.96 and 5.6.96 were attended to immediately. But, when a subsequent complain was received on 8.6.96 the motor was found burnt which took considerable time for repairs i.e. till 22.6.96 during which period the pressure was low and the supply was inadequate.